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1. DUTCH AMBASSADOR TAMMENOMS BAKKER (TB) ACCOMPANIED

BY AGATT PEETERS CAME TO DEPARTMENT DECEMBER 13 TO MAKE
A DEMARCHE ON POTATO STARCH AND DEXTRINE ALONG LINES
OF THAT MADE TO AMBASSADOR BY AGMIN VAN DER STEE (REFTEL).
COPIES OF AN AIDE MEMOIRE LEFT BY TB BEING POUCHED
TO THE HAGUE AND EC BRUSSELS.

2. BURDEN OF TB'S REMARKS TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY
KATZ WAS THAT THE GON WAS "AGGRIEVED", AND "DISCRIMINATED
AGAINST" BY LATEST U.S. ACTION PARTIALLY RESTORING
RETALIATORY DUTIES ON BRANDY. TB MADE CLEAR THAT
DUTCH COMPLAINT WAS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, AND THAT
ARGUMENTS ABOUT TRADE EFFECTS ARE BESIDE THE POINT.
WITH SOME BITTERNESS, HE RECOUNTED HOW THE DUTCH HAD,
IN THEIR VIEW, BEEN PASSED OVER IN FAVOR OF THE FRENCH
IN 1974, AND, AFTER HAVING GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS TO
PROMOTE A POSITIVE OUTCOME IN BRUSSELS, HAD BEEN
REWARDED WITH NOTING IN 1976 WHILE THE FRENCH STILL
RETAINED PART OF THEIR CONCESSION. HE SAID THE U.S.
HAD "GONE BACK ON THE SPIRIT" OF COMMITMENTS TO REWARD
THE DUTCH, AND ASKED RHETORICALLY WHAT CONCLUSIONS
THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT SHOULD DRAW FROM THIS UNHAPPY
EXPERIENCE.

3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ RESPONDED THAT WE,
TOO, WERE MOST DISAPPOINTED IN THE OUTCOME OF THE
POULTRY/COGNAC PROBLEM. HE SAW LITTLE HOPE THAT IT
COULD BE RESOLVED EXCEPT IN THE CONTEXT OF AN OVERALL
MTN PACKAGE. HE "COULD NOT ACCEPT" TB'S CONTENTION
THAT THE DUTCH HAD BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BY OUR
LATEST ACTION, THOUGH HE WAS SYMPATHETIC TO THEIR
CLAIMS OF HAVING BEEN PASSED OVER IN 1974. HE MADE
CLEAR THAT ANY INDUCEMENT WE HAD OFFERED THE DUTCH
WAS NECESSARILY CONDITIONED UPON GETTING SOME MEANINGFUL
CONCESSIONS FROM THE EC ON TURKEY. WHEN, THROUGH NO
FAULT OF THE DUTCH, NO MEANINGFUL CONCESSIONS ON TURKEY
WERE FORTHCOMING, WE WERE NOT ABLE TO MAKE ANY
CONCESSION ON POTATO STARCH TO THE DUTCH AND WERE LEFT
NO CHOICE BUT TO RAISE THE COGNAC DUTY. KISSINGER

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